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Introduction

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated October 7, 2005, in the above-identified application wherein claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claims 1-4 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,643,930 (Ucci); claims 1-5 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,612,113 (Irwin, Sr.); and claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Irwin, Sr. in view of Ucci.

It is believed that no fee for the amendment is due, but we hereby authorize you to use Deposit Account No. 13-3723 to the extent any fee is due.

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